Service conditions in Security Agencies

2480. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the private security agencies mushrooming in the country exploiting the unemployed persons by employing them as security guards without any terms and condtions of service and paying them low salaries, besides keeping them outside the purview of the labour laws;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any review of the working of such private security agencies in the country; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to safeguard the interests of those employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha in due course.

Captive Power Plant at Panipat and Bhatinda Fertilizer Plant

2481. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BHEL has not been given the order to instal captive power plant at Panipat and Bhatinda fertiliser plant and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that foreign companies have been assigned the task of installing these captive power plants and if so the reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount of foreign exchange involved therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir; global tenders were invited by National Fertilizers Ltd. for two Nose Turbo-Generators and one No. Steam Generator for each of the captive power Plant at Bhatinda and Panipat units. BHEL also quoted against this global tender. Government, however, approved the placing of order for Steam Generator on M/s. Mitui Engineering & Ship Building Company, Japan and for Turbo Generators on M/s. Simmering Graz Pauker AG, Austria on the basis of lowest evaluated and technically acceptable bids as BHEL's offer was not competitive and also did not meet the time schedule required in the tender.

(c) The amount of foreign exchange involved is $ 17,21,53,000 and $ 25,77,311 582.

Import of Radioactivity exposed Farm Products

2482. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quanties of farm products including milk products, vegetable oils, pulses etc. have been imported after chernobyl accident from the areas exposed to radioactivity;

(b) if so, the details of all the farm products imported from the 1st May, 1986 to till date, country-wise alongwith the quantity imported lot numbers and batch numbers; and

(c) whether all these items were tested batch-wise for Cs—137 and Sr. 90 for which Atomic Energy Regulatory Board has laid down standards and if so, the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) (a) Yes, Sir.